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SUBJ: KUWAIT RALLY CONDEMNS SYRIAN AND OTHER ARAB ROLES IN LEBANON
AND CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO AID PALESTINIANS

REF: (A) KUWAIT 3476, (B) JIDDA 4969

1. PLANNED RALLY DESCRIBED REFTEL A HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT EVENING
JULY 21. SPEAKERS INCLUDED FORMER KUWAIT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
N DEPUTY AHMAD AL NAFISI, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PLO OFFICE IN KUWAIT,
ZA'NUM (ABU AL ADIB) AND PLO OFFICIAL ABD AL AZIZ AL SAYYID
(ABU AYHAB). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AL NAFISI CONDEMNED
"ARAB REGIMES WHICH ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVIL IMPERIALIST
CONSPIRACY TO END THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION THROUGH TRAINING AND
FINANCIAL AID TO THE REACTIONARY-FACIST FORCES". HE PRAISED THE PAL-
ESTINIAN AND LEBANESE NATIONALIST FORCES AND DENOUNCED SYRIAN ACTIONS
WHICH "BETRAYED THEIR NATIONALIST AFFILIATIONS AND SOLD THEM-

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SELVES TO THE AMERICAN DEVIL". AL SAYYID PRAISED LIBYA AS THE

ONLY ARAB STATE WHICH HAS "MADE REAL EFFORT TO STOP THE MASACRE IN LEBANON".

2. ON BEHALF OF THE "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" PARTICIPATING IN THE RALLY, CABLES WERE SENT TO KUWAITI PRIME MINISTER, THE ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND PRESIDENT AL ASAD OF SYRIA CALLING FOR THEM TO CLARIFY THEIR POSITIONS REGARDING THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND CONDEMN THE "ISOLATIONIST CONSPIRACY".

3. RALLY WAS ATTENDED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BY "THOUSANDS OF PERSONS" AND THE USUAL LINE-UP OF "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS"--UNIONS, WRITERS GROUPS, TEACHERS GROUPS.

4. OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE, THE RALLY DECIDED TO ISSUE CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOLUNTEERS. LOCAL PLO OFFICE WAS DESIGNATED CENTRAL POINT FOR COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEERS.

5. COMMENT: RALLY WENT VERY MUCH AS EXPECTED. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS IS OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE, AND MAY BE MANIFESTATION OF INFORMATION REPORTED REF B. WHILE THE PLO HAS NO DOUBT RECRUITED SOME PEOPLE PRIVATELY OVER THE YEARS IN KUWAIT, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS SINCE THE LEBANESE CONFLICT BEGAN. WHILE THE SPECIFIC USE TO WHICH VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE PUT TO USE WAS NOT INDICATED AT RALLY, PRESUMPTION IS THAT THEY WOULD BE USED TO REINFORCE PALESTINIAN FORCES IN LEBANON.

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